Promotion of Sub-Division Officers who were in charge of Sub-Divisions as Assistant Engineers in the Public Works Department.

*Q.—584. Sri S. RAJAGOPAL (K. G. F.).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 107 Sub-Division Officers of Public Works Department who were in charge of Sub-Divisons were promoted on 15th November 1958 as Assistant Engineers ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that promotion of the above 107 Sub-Division Officers was given retrospective effect from 1st January 1957 in the first instance and then from 1st November 1956 subsequently ;

(*c*) what were the reasons in taking such a step seven years after integration ;

(*d*) whether they intend to give effect to the promotion of these 107 officials from the date they were placed in charge of Sub-Divisions prior to date of integration (prior to 1st November 1956) and after publication of two provisional Inter-State seniority lists of Assistant Engineers ;

(*e*) whether this retrospective promotion would affect the seniority of the erstwhile Mysore State Assistant Engineers and Probationary Assistant Engineers appointed by the erstwhile Mysore State Government prior to 1st November 1956 ?

A.—Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No ; they were promoted as Officiating Assistant Engineers on 15th November 1958 in the first instance and then from 1st November 1956 forenoon subsequently.

(*c*) These officers were holding charges of Sub-Divisions or equivalent charges of Assistant Engineers on in-charge basis having been placed in such charges by the Chief Engineer in the interest of work, pending filling up of the vacancies according to rules.

(*d*) This question is still under consideration of Government.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of reply to Clause (*d*).

Sri B. NANJAPPA.—In answer to (*d*) it is said that this question is still under consideration of Government. May I know for how long it is going to be pending before the Government ?

† Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Till such time Government takes a decision, it should be pending.

Sri B. NANJAPPA.—This has been pending before the Government since 1956. Cannot a definite answer be given ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—It has been pending before the Government since 1958 and not 1956. Most of these Junior Engineers who were placed in charge of the sub-divisions, have been promoted provisionally. They have been asking for treating them as Assistant Engineers since 1953, *i.e.*, prior to 1956. This question has been under the consideration of the Government since 1958.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL.—May I know whether it is true that some of the officers, who were not placed in-charge of the Sub-Divisions, also have been promoted along with 107 officers ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—That may be true. It all depends upon the seniority of the officers.

Sri B. NANJAPPA.—May I know what is going to happen to the position of probationary Assistant Engineers of the erstwhile Mysore State ? Are they going to get any preference in seniority ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—I do not think of any probationary Assistant Engineer prior to 1956 being affected.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—If the question is to remain pending till a decision is taken by the Government, will the Government admit that it is not intelligent enough to take a decision ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is disallowed.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—Am I not entitled to put that question ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble is perfectly right in putting the question and I am equally right in disallowing it.

1-00 P.M.

Sri GANJI VEERAPPA.—Are the Government aware that promoting these sub-division officers as Assistant Engineers has the effect of placing them above the probationary Assistant Engineers ?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—This is a question of giving retrospective promotion to the Engineers who were in-charge of sub-divisions at the time of the reorganisation of the State. After the reorganisation, they made a representation to the Government that the erstwhile Government of Mysore did not issue orders confirming their promotions. The Chief Engineer had made temporary arrangements by putting them in charge of sub-divisions and pending orders of the Government, he had taken such an action and by the time the Government could issue the orders, the reorganisation took place. So the erstwhile Government of Mysore did not take any action. The question arose as to what should happen to those 107 Engineers who were in charge of the Sub-Divisions. They were exercising all the powers and duties of the Assistant Engineers. When this representation came to the Government, Government examined it and in 1958 they took a decision to promote all of them as Assistant Engineers. And when the question of equation of all these Sub-Division Officers came, the Government took a decision to equate them with the Assistant Engineers and they prepared an Inter-State seniority list. We could take action only from 1st November 1956 and not prior to that, because this Government has come into existence only after 1st November 1956. So we decided to give retrospective promotion to these officers. There is no question of the pendency of their cases with the Government. But still they are dissatisfied. They say that promotion must be given with retrospective effect, *i.e.* from the date they have taken charge of the sub-divisions. We have already

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taken a decision, but they are not satisfied with the promotion. They have made again a representation. That is being considered.

Sri R. N. LAKSHMIPATHI.—In some other departments of Government when persons were placed in charge temporarily, when promotions came up, it was considered from the date they were placed in temporary charge. Is it not a fact that a directive has been issued by the Central Government to take that aspect into consideration ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Let the Hon'ble member put a separate question ; and I will answer it.

Sri R. N. LAKSHMIPATHI.—Will it not affect the 107 officers who were placed in charge of sub-divisions for a long time ? Is there not a discrimination made between officers of the erstwhile Government of Mysore and the officers who came from the intergrated parts ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Whatever benefit could be given has been given to these officers. I do not think there is any discrimination made against these officers.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Is the present Government a continuation of the Government which was existing prior to 1st November 56, or not ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not think I have to answer this question. After the reorganisation, a new State has come into existence and a new Government has been formed.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Is it not binding on the successor Government to respect the orders and to respect the promotions or appointments made by the previous Government ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—We will certainly respect the promotion orders or any orders issue by the erstwhile Mysore Government, but I am sorry, my friend has not understood the point. The erstwhile Mysore State did not issue any promotion orders. At that time they were Junior Engineers in charge of the sub-divisions, pending formal orders of the Government. Government did not issue any orders then. By that time the State Reorganisation took place. Then where is the question of not honouring the orders of the previous Government ?

Sri H. R. KESHAVA MURTHY.—To what extent hundreds of dissatisfied officers impair the progress of the country ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—How can I admit that all of them are dissatisfied, because we tried to give all advantage that was possible.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—In the matter of fixation of seniority as between these officers promoted as Assistant Engineers and other officers who are probationary Engineers, whether the date of their appointment or promotion or the date from which the officers promoted were holding charge, would be taken into consideration ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—In respect of these 107 Assistant Engineers I have already explained that they have been equated with Assistant Engineers and Government have taken a decision that they should be placed at the bottom in the Assistant Engineers, List and they should also be deemed to have been promoted on 1st November

1956. The Probation ary Assistant Engineers selected by the P.S.C. and accepted by the Government after 1st November 1956 will have go to below these 107 Assistant Engineers.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—1ನೇ ನವಂಬರ್ 1956ಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಬಡ್ತಿ ಕೊಡ ಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಇದೆ. ಹಳೇ ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿಯ ಸಬ್ ಡಿವಿಜನ್ ಆಫೀಸರು ಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಅವರು ಯಾವ ಪೋಸ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದರೋ ಆ ಪೋಸ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಈ 107 ಸಬ್ ಡಿವಿಜನ್ ಆಫೀಸರ್ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷ ಅವಧಿಯಾದರೂ ಸರಕಾರ ಆಗ್ಗೆ ಆರ್ಡರ್ ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಉದ್ಭವಿಸುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಈಗ ಯಾವ ಡೇಟ್‌ನಿಂದ ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿದೆಯೋ ಅಂದಿನಿಂದ ಕೊಡುವುದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಸರಕಾರದವರು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಪುನರ್ವಿಮರ್ಶೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಅದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖಿಗೆ ಸರ್ವೀಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿದ್ದಾರೊ ಅವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಲೆಂಗ್ತ್ ಆಫ್ ಸರ್ವೀಸ್ ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ನೂಚನೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಕ್ಯಾಟಗರಿ ಆಫೀಸರ್ಸ್ ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಭಾಗದಿಂದ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೋ ಅವರ ಒಂದು ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಈ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡು ಇಂಟರ್-ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಸೀನಿಯಾರಿಟಿ ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ಬರೀ ಲೆಂಗ್ತ್ ಆಫ್ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್ ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆಯಾ ಕೇಡರ್‌ದಲ್ಲಿ 'ಲೆಂಗ್ತ್ ಆಫ್ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್' ಆ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಇದು ಇನ್ನೂ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು (ಡಿ) ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಈಗ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ಸ್ ತಾತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿವೆಯಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರೊವಿಜನಲ್ ಆಗಿವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿ ಗೌಡ.—1956ನೇ ಇಸವಿ ನವಂಬರ್ ಮುಂಚೆ ಹಳೇ ಮೈಸೂರು ಸ್ಟೇಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ ಕೊಡುವಾಗ್ಗೆ ಅಸಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ಸ್ ಇನ್-ಚಾರ್ಜ್ ಸಬ್-ಡಿವಿಜನ್ ಇದ್ದುದನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ? ಅದನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್—1956ನೇ ನವಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸ ಸರಕಾರ ಬಂತು. ರಿಜ್ರೊ ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟಿವ್ ಪ್ರಮೋಷನ್ ಕೊಡುವ ವಿಷಯ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ನಮ್ಮದೇ ಸರಕಾರ ಇದೆ. ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸಿ ಆಡಳಿತ ಉತ್ತಮ ಪಡಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರೊಸೀಜರ್ ಇದೆ. ಇಂಟರ್-ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಸೀನಿ ಯಾರಿಟಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಕಮಿಟಿಯು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—What is the procedure adopted by Government to make promotions in the interim period ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—We have prepared the Provisional List. We have made equations of the posts. On the basis of the equation, we have prepared an Inter-State Saniority List and that has been published. It is provisional. We are not the finalising authority to say it is the final list. The final list is to be published only after it is approved by the Government of India. Pending finalisation of an Inter-State Seniority List, we are acting according to the Provisional List that has been published in the matter of promotion.

Sri V. M. DEO.—What are the main considerations that led the Government to go back to 1st November 1956 as the date of giving promotions with retrospective effect to these people ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—They were in charge of Sub-Divisions and they are also equally qualified and they were exercising all the powers of Assistant Engineers.

Construction of a Bridge across Jinagihalla near Ashoka Siddapura, Molakalmuru Taluk.

*Q.—587 **Sri S. H. BASANNA** (Molakalmuru).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the inconvenience caused to the people and the cattle for want of a bridge across Jinagihalla near Ashoka Siddapura, Molakalmuru Taluk ;

(*b*) whether they have prepared any estimates for the construction of the said bridge ;

(*c*) if so, the estimated cost of the said bridge ;

(*d*) when the said work would be started ?

A.—**Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO** (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) Do not arise in view of reply to clause (*b*).

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಚ್. ಬಸಣ್ಣ.—ಈ ಜಿನಗಿಹಳ್ಳ ಸೇತುವೆಯ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಸರ್ವೇ ನಡೆಸಿ ಅಂದಾಜು ಯಾವಾಗ ತಯಾರ್ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಿ. ಶಂಕರ ರಾವ್—ಸರ್ವೇ ಇನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಸೇತುವೆ ಇಲ್ಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅನಾನುಕೂಲವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗಾಂಜೀ ವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಸೇತುವೆಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇರುವಾಗ್ಗೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—As I said, the survey is to be conducted. After the survey is conducted, an estimate will be prepared and then it will be taken up.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್ ಎಚ್. ಬಸಣ್ಣ.—ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಅಂದಾಜನ್ನು ತಯಾರುಮಾಡಿಸುತ್ತೀರ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಿ. ಶಂಕರ ರಾವ್.—ಸರ್ವೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಪೂರೈಸಿದನಂತರ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎನ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣಸಿಂಗ್.—ಈ ಸೇತುವೆ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ (ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು).—ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ ಮತ್ತು ನಾಗನಾಂದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.